

MITIGATION CONTINGENCY PLAN:

Should it become evident that the *Mitigation Plan* has failed, steps will be taken to remedy the failure. In the event that vegetation is deemed inadequate, replanting of the significant bare spots will be undertaken. Any replanting will occur during the same growing period that the deficiencies are found except that if it becomes necessary to replant trees and shrubs, replanting will be done during the following growing season (replanting of areas created by the removal of invasive species will be covered subsequently.)

Should the integrity of the channels deteriorate to the point that significant erosion is taking place, the erosion will be repaired. Rock riprap may be incorporated. If this is required, then rock will be adequately sized in accordance with current practice. Should it become apparent that the original design is inadequate, then new specifications will be developed and implemented.

If invasive species such as Reed Canary Grass, Purple Loosestrife, or Giant Reed develop in the mitigative area, corrective measures will be taken. These measures will include either spraying or physical removal or both depending upon the extent of the contamination and the season of discovery.

If spraying is the chosen method, then applicators certified by the State of Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry will be retained to apply herbicides. This will assure that herbicide will not affect nearby acceptable growth. If physical removal is deemed appropriate, then care will be taken to minimize distribution of seed into surrounding areas. If possible, removal will be undertaken during the dormant period. This will help assure that distribution of the seed into adjacent areas will be minimized. This removal may have to occur during several growing seasons until seed distribution from previous seasons is eliminated from the growing cycle. Bare spots left by the corrective action will be replanted following the appropriate time period (this period depends upon the type of herbicide used.)